1	2	3	4	5
26	Tripura	0.679	1.131	1.131
27	Uttar Pradesh	40.945	40.945	40.945
28	Uttarakhand	1.512	1.512	1.512
29	West Bengal	14.799	14.799	14.799
30	A&N	0.043	0.043	0.043
31	Chandigarh	0.015	0.015	0.015
32	D&N Haveli	0.052	0.052	0.052
33	Daman & Diu	0.015	0.015	0.015
34	Lakshadweep	0.004	0.012	0.012
35	Pondicherry	0.322	0.322	0.322
	TOTAL	238.002	242.749	242.749

Malfunctioning in marketing of packaged food products

2515. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any norms for marketing of packaged food products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many foreign packaged food products flout these norms;

(d) if so, the details of the mechanism in the country to check the violation of such norms;

(e) the number of cases of violation of such norms reported during 2008-09 and 2009-10 so far in various parts of the country, product-wise; and

(f) the details of the steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such malfunctioning in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The standards for different foods articles and labeling provisions thereof have been laid down under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 in Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955.The Standards of weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 enacted under the Standards of weights and Measures Act, 1976 also apply to Packaged Food articles.

(c) Provisions for importing food in the country is regulated under section 5 and 6 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 whereby no article of food in contravention of any provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and rules made there under can be imported. Similarly all packaged food articles imported into the country are also required to comply with the Packaged Commodities Rules, 1977.

(d) Consignments of imported food articles are to be checked/ analyzed by the Custom authorities to ensure the compliance of provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 and Packaged Commodities Rules, 1977, before releasing the same for human consumption in the country.

(e) and (f) The States/ Union Territories Governments who are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and rules made thereunder are taking random samples of different articles of food including imported food available in the market and take necessary penal action against the offenders under the law for any violation. The Food (Health)Authorities of the States/Union Territories have been advised from time to time to keep a strict vigil and quality of different food articles sold in market and take penal action against the offender for any violation of the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and rules made thereunder.

Implementation of NFSA

2516. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Competent Authority has implemented National Food Security Act;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) whether quantity of foodgrains now allotted to BPL families will be reduced after the implementation of National Food Security Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether alterations in the National Food Security Act had been suggested by State Governments/agencies/individuals; and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (f) At present Government is examining various aspects of the proposed National Food Security Act (NFSA), including number of Below Poverty Line families to be covered, scale of issue of foodgrains, etc in consultation with various stake-holders.

Based on a concept note circulated to State/Union Territory Governments on the proposed law, their responses have been received. They are also under examination.

Hoarding and black-marketing of essential commodities

2517. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: